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SUBJECT: TRANSIT CIRCLE FACILITY NEW ZEALAND (PROJECT
- P-022); NAVAL OBSERVATORY WASHDC

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1. REFTELS (A) AND (B) RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSIT CIRCLE FACILITY IN NEW ZEALAND. REFTEL A INCLUDED A SUGGESTED PRESS RELEASE. PURPOSE OF ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH GNZ AGREED TO MAKE, WAS TO PREEMPT THE OTHERWISE INEVITABLE RUMORS AND MISINFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLANNED BLACK BIRCH FACILITY.

2. CHIEF REPORTER FOR BLENHEIM "MARLBOROUGH EXPRESS" ADVISED EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER TODAY THAT IT NOW HAS DEVELOPED STORY BASED ON LOCAL RUMORS (FACILITY SITE IS OUTSIDE OF BLENHEIM) AND INTENDS TO PUBLISH IT JULY 5 OR 6. SCIENCE OFFICER ENDEAVORED TO CORRECT ON BACK-
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GROUND SEVERAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PLANNED FACILITY WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED AND WOULD PRODUCE UNCLASSIFIED ASTRONOMICAL DATA. ASSOCIATION OF PROJECT SITE WITH N.Z. CARTER OBSERVATORY WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED.

3. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION IT REMAINS IMPORTANT THAT AS

DETAILED AN ANNOUNCEMENT AS POSSIBLE BE RELEASED ON THIS PROJECT. FACT THAT WE WILL NOW BE RESPONDING TO RUMORS, ACCURATE OR FALLACIOUS, PUTS US IN A LESS FAVORABLE POSITION THAN WE HAD HOPED. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER OR NOT EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION FOR ANNOUNCEMENT IS APPROVED. IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE HOW EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO FUTURE PRESS INQUIRIES, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE MATTER WILL SURFACE AS A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION. SELDEN

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